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An Act for Preserving the Protestant Religion, by better Securing the Church of England, *as by Law Established; and for Confirming the Toleration Granted to Protestant Dissenters by an Act Intitled,* An Act for Exempting Their Majesties Protestant Subjects, Dissenting from the Church of *England,* from the Penalties of certain Laws *and for Supplying the Defects thereof; and for the further Securing the Protestant Succession, by Requiring the Practicers of the Law in* North Britain *to take the Oaths, and Subscribe the Declaration therein mentioned.*

WHereas an Act was made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of the late King *Charles* the Second, intitled, *An Act for the well Governing and Regulating of Corporations*; and another Act was made in the Five and twentieth Year of the Reign of the said late King *Charles* the Second, Intitled, *An Act for the Preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants*; both which Acts were made for the Security of the Church of *England*, as by Law Established: Now, for the better Securing the said Church, and Quieting the Minds of Her Majesties Protestant Subjects Dissenting from the Church of *England*, and rendring them Secure in the Exercise of their Religious Worship, as also for the further Strengthning the Provision already made for the Security of the Succession to the Crown in the House of *Hannover*; Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, after the Five and twentieth Day of *March*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twelve, either Peers or Commoners, who have or shall have any Office or Offices, Civil or Military, or Receive any Pay, Salary, Fee or Wages, by Reason of any Patent or Grant from or under Her Majesty, or any of Her Majesties Predecessors, or of Her Heirs or Successors, or shall have any Command or Place of Trust from or under Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or from any of Her Majesties Predecessors, or by Her or Their Authority, or by Authority derived from Her or Them, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or in the Navy, or in the several Islands of *Jersey* or *Guernsey*, or shall be admitted into any Service or Employment in the Houshold or Family of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or if any Mayor, Alderman, Recorder, Bayliff, Town-Clerk, Common-Council-Man, or other Person bearing any Office of Magistracy, or Place of Trust, or other Employment relating to or concerning the Government of any the respective Cities, Corporations, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, and their Members, or other Port-Towns within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, Town of *Berwick* or either of the Isles aforesaid, who by the said recited Acts, or either of them, were or are obliged to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Rights and Usage of the Church of *England* as aforesaid, shall at any time after their Admission into their respective Offices or Employments, or after having such Patent or Grant, Command or Place of Trust, as aforesaid, during his or their Continuance in such Office or Offices, Employment or Employments, or having such Patent or Grant, Command or Place of Trust, or any Profit or Advantage from the same, knowingly or willingly resort to, or be present at any Conventicle, Assembly or Meeting, within *England*, *Wales*, *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or the Isles aforesaid, for the Exercise of Religion in other manner than according to the Liturgy and Practice of the Church of *England* in any Place within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or the Isles aforesaid, at which Conventicle Assembly or Meeting, there shall be Ten Persons or more assembled together, over and besides those of the same Houshold, if it be in any House where there is a Family inhabiting, or if it be in an House or Place where there is no Family inhabiting, then where any such Ten Persons are so assembled, as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or willingly be present at any such Meeting in such House or Place, as aforesaid, altho the Liturgy be there used, where Her Majesty (whom God long preserve) and the Princess *Sophia*, or such others as shall from time to time be lawfully appointed to be Prayed for, shall not there be Prayed for in express Words according to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, except where such particular Offices of the Liturgy are used, wherein there are no express Directions to Pray for Her Majesty and the Royal Family, shall forfeit Forty Pounds, to be recovered by him or them that shall Sue for the same, by any Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of Her Majesties Courts at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, or any more than one Imparlance.

And be it further Enacted, That every Person Convicted in any Action to be brought, as aforesaid, or upon any Information, Presentment or Indictment in any of Her Majesties Courts at *Westminster*, or at the Assizes, shall be disabled from thenceforth to hold such Office or Offices, Employment or Employments, or to receive any Profit or Advantage by reason of them, or of any Grant as aforesaid, and shall be adjudged incapable to bear any Office or Employment whatsoever within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or the Isles of *Jersey* or *Guernsey*.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, who shall have been Convicted as aforesaid, and thereby made incapable to hold any Office or Employment, or to receive any Profit or Advantage by reason of them, or of any Grant as aforesaid, shall, after such Conviction, Conform to the Church of *England*, for the Space of one Year, without having been present at any Conventicle, Assembly or Meeting as aforesaid, and receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, accord-